



## Fish Safe Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

**Meeting:** Fish Safe Advisory Committee  
**Date:** September 21, 2016  
**Location:** Fish Safe Meeting Room

### In Attendance (34):

Aloak Tewari – Transport Canada	Khushru Irani – Transport Canada
Andy Allan – Transport Canada	Lee Varseveld – Pacific Coast Fisherman’s Mutual Insurance Company
Art Statham – Canadian Coast Guard	Lisa Houle – WorkSafeBC
Brian Cook – Canadian Lifeboat Institution	Lloyd Johannesen – Silvagrip West
Brian Dickens - Fisherman	Michel Drouin – Pacific Fishing Magazine
Bruce Logan – WorkSafeBC	Paul Bevandick – Fisherman & Fish Safe Advisor
Cheryl Lawson – Fisherman & Fish Safe Advisor	Ralph Roberts – Fisherman & Fish Safe Advisor
Colin Henthorne – Canadian Coast Guard	Rhoda Huey – Fish Safe
Conrad Lewis – UFAWU-UNIFOR	Renee Mann – Mariner Seafoods Ltd.
Daniel York – Canadian Fishing Company	Robin Scorda – Canadian Fishing Company
Dennis Woloshuk - Fisherman	Ryan Ford – Fish Safe
Gord Cranton – Fisherman	Sarah Buston – Select Seafoods Canada Ltd.
Harold Wulff – Fisherman & Fish Safe Advisor	Simon Morris – Fitzwright Survival
Jessie Kunce – WorkSafeBC	Stephanie Nguyen – Fish Safe
Joe Bauer – Scotch Pond Heritage Co-op	Terry Henshaw – Pacific Halibut Management Association
John Secord – Pacific Coast Fisherman’s Mutual Insurance Company	Tom Amirault – Nesika Insurance Services
John Muren – Pacific Seafood	
John Krgovich – Fish Safe	

### Introductions

**Co-Chairs:** Ryan Ford, Program Manager at Fish Safe and Conrad Lewis, Health and Safety Representative at UFAWU-Unifor.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

### Fish Safe Update

Ryan Ford, Program Manager, provided an update at Fish Safe.

- Fish Safe has recently installed a mural at the front reception area to educate fishermen about cold water shock with a display of PFDs. To tie into this display, Fish Safe will be offering a limited time promotion of a \$50 voucher towards the purchase of a PFD when they complete the 1 day Safest Catch workshop.



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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- The 2015/2016 Annual Report is now released. For additional hard copies, please contact the office or alternatively visit the website to view the electronic version.
- Fish Safe has organized and participated in events from March – August
  - Herring Day Drills & Show Me Your PFDs in French Creek / Comox (March)
  - Crab Day Drills in Sydney / Victoria (April)
  - Seafest in Prince Rupert (June)
  - Salmon Day Drills in Port Alberni (June)
- A decision was made which groups on the east coast the Transport Canada funding will go to: Cape Breton, Nova Scotia Community College, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island
  - John will be heading back east to train and shadow vessel visits with hopes that it will reach their fishermen and find their own funding to keep the program going after 2018
- Jerry Dzugan from AMSEA was invited to Fish Safe to do a presentation in August called Strains, Sprains & Pains: Ergonomic Injury Prevention for Commercial Fishermen. Fish Safe recorded the presentation and played the highlights for the group.
  - Fish Safe may possibly use the information to integrate it as part of their courses/workshop or create a booklet catering to commercial fishermen
  - If anyone has any questions about ergonomics, WorkSafe BC has very good resources and a department dedicated to it (Fish Safe & WorkSafe BC are already in collaboration)
  - Simon from Fitzwright Survival added that ChangePain is alternative to assist with pain management. It is a saline injection therapy for chronic pain from injury that is covered by MSP.

## **Canadian Coast Guard Update**

Art Statham, Officer-in-Charge at the Victoria Marine Communications and Traffic Services, provided an update at the Canadian Coast Guard.

- The Victoria Marine Communications and Traffic Services have consolidated their offices from 24 to 12.
- Western region manages 55% of all commercial movements in Canada and VMCTS manages 85% in Western Canada
- Ensure that everyone is compliant to regulations especially Rule 9 (Narrow Channels) and Rule 10 (Traffic Separation Schemes – International)
- Art stresses the importance of making a distress call early – it can always be cancelled or downgraded
- Colin Henthorne indicated that there have been 22 Class 1 fishing vessel distress calls since the Caledonian incident last September. This is a high level of activity however the Coast Guard did not identify a major trend to the recent incidents
- In addition to getting a call out to the Coast Guard early to establish communication when an emergency or emergency threat emerges, they reminded the group that the Coast Guard can rapidly connect fishermen to a doctor via radio, cell phone, etc. Basic first aid training is important but having access to a doctor as well can be a huge asset to anyone trying to assist a crew member (or themselves) when in distress



## **WorkSafe BC Update**

Jessie Kunce, Marine Occupational Safety Officer, clarified the definition of a citation. It is an administrative penalty for not responding or complying with orders. It is not to be confused with a ticket.

## **Transport Canada Update**

Andy Allan, Senior Marine Safety Inspector, provided answers to several questions regarding the Marine Personnel Regulations and explained that the Amendments to the MPR are delayed due to the scope of the project.

## **Silvagrip West Presentation**

Lloyd Johannesen, Sales Representative, presented Silvagrip – a new revolutionary patent-pending, peel and stick non-skid product used to increase safety and lower the incidence of slip hazards in the workplace.

Quick Facts about Silvagrip:

- Approved by the Coast Guard and Navy
- Made in the USA
- 10 year limited warranty
- Easy to install (peel and stick)

## **Next Fish Safe Advisory Committee Meeting Date**

To be determined.